



<b>Meeting of East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board</b>	Performance and Audit Committee
<b>Held on</b>	18 December 2015
<b>Agenda Item</b>	6
<b>Title</b>	Internal Audit report on Payments to Care Providers
<b>Summary</b>  This report provides a progress position on the Council Internal Audit report on Payment to care Providers (MB/919/RMEL).	
<b>Presented by</b>	Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer
<b>Action Required</b>  The Performance and Audit committee is requested to note; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ the current status of the report</li><li>▪ the report may be presented to Council Audit &amp; Scrutiny Committee on 21 January 2016</li><li>▪ the report will be presented to the next Integration Joint Board Performance &amp; Audit Committee.</li></ul>	

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**PERFORMANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**18 December 2015**

**Report by Chief Officer**

**INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ON PAYMENTS TO CARE PROVIDERS**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance & Audit Committee with an update on the status and progress of the Council Internal Audit report on Payments to Care Providers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Performance and Audit committee is requested to note:
  - the current status of the report
  - the report may be presented to Council Audit & Scrutiny Committee on 21 January 2016
  - the report will be presented to the next Integration Joint Board Performance & Audit Committee

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Council Internal Audit report on Payments to Care Providers was completed on 13 October 2016. The HSCP management response and associated action plan was provided on receipt.
4. The Performance & Audit Committee will recall that this report was requested by the Chief Officer Designate in early March.
5. Members of the committee will also be aware that updates on this issue and recovery of funds was previously reported to the Integration Joint Board.

**REPORT**

6. The scope of the audit included:
  - Analysis of commitment logs and spreadsheets
  - Verification of accuracy of information and overpayment amounts
  - Review of scheduled payments and process
  - Care Finance review
7. The audit identified a number of weaknesses in process, control and staff understanding all of which are addressed in the action plan.
8. Given the report relates to the period pre the Integration Joint Board, the reporting protocol will be to submit to the Council Audit & Scrutiny Committee on 21 January 2016 should this be an agreed agenda item. The report and action plan including all updates will be taken to the next Integration Joint Board Performance & Audit Committee.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

9. Whilst the detail of recommendations is not yet published the Performance & Audit Committee can be assured that progress is being made to ensure all recommendations are fully complied with.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

## **KEY WORDS**

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